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WHITEWASH DEPEW; MILD HIT AT ODELL; FLAY HENDRICKS

Investigating Committee Says Senator Earned \$20,000 a Year, but Criticises Former Governor on Account of the Ambler Bill.

SAYS SUPT. HENDRICKS HAD POWER TO STOP GRAFT.

The Committee Recommends the Passage of Eight Bills, One of Which Provides for Vote by Policy-Holders in Electing Directors.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—There is whitewash for Chauncey M. Depew, a mild slap at former Gov. Odell and a roast for Supt. Hendricks in the report of the Joint Insurance Investigating Committee which was to-day submitted to the Legislature.

THE WHITEWASH. The committee in its statements of facts declares that the services rendered by Chauncey M. Depew were of such a character as to warrant the payment of \$20,000 a year to him.

THE MILD SLAP. Regarding Gov. Odell's connection with the Shipbuilding matter the committee says:

"Upon the testimony it cannot be said that apart from the introduction of the Ambler bill any threat was made, BUT IT WOULD SEEM AT THE TIME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE SITUATION WAS SUCH AS TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EFFORT OF RETALIATION."

THE ROAST. Regarding the Insurance Department, the report says that while the department has ample facilities and power, "the supervision by the department does not prove a sufficient protection against extravagance and misadministration, and it practically may be said that in the case of these large companies no serious efforts to insure the correct administration of their affairs has been made until within the last year."

Accompanying the report were eight bills carrying out recommendations of the committee. The bills were given directly to committee of the whole, and will be placed on the calendar next week. Senator Armstrong announced that he would offer a few minor bills Monday night, which the committee had not time to prepare. He will return to New York to-day and will Chief Legislator Hughes will finish up the business of the committee to-morrow and Saturday. Counsel for the committee, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McKee and Mr. Armstrong, worked on the bills until 4 o'clock this morning.

In a statement made to newspaper men before the presentation of the report Senator Armstrong said he hopes to have passed before April 15 the bill which will defer the annual elections in the mutual companies from April 15 to Nov. 15. This would, it is believed, nullify all proxies obtained up to this time by Thomas W. Lawson and the policy-holders' committee of State Governors and others, as well as those which the management of the companies themselves have been gathering through their agents.

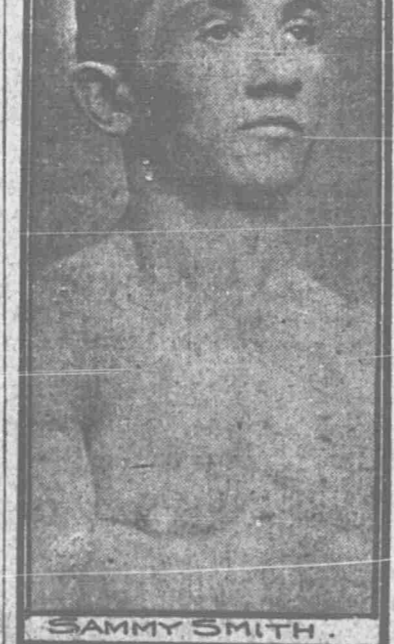
This is one of the most important changes suggested by the Committee. It is intended to give to policyholders an opportunity to elect entirely new boards of directors as soon as the provisions of such a law can be made applicable. To that end the committee recommends a special act providing for the expiration of the terms of office of existing directors of such companies in Nov. 15 next, and that the annual meetings of which would otherwise be held at an earlier date should be postponed to that time. In this way it will be possible for the policyholders to elect their representatives in person, by proxy or by mail, as they may desire.

To block the Wagnons. All existing proxies would be declared void, so that no proxies could be voted at such election, other than those which are given under the statute within two months prior thereto. The first election would be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Insurance, who would be directed to appoint inspectors of election and see that it is conducted according to law. The new boards of directors will divide themselves into two classes, so that thereafter one-half of the board may be elected annually and serve in management until promptly corrected.

The effect would be to stop the management from periodically running companies through the collection of proxies from stockholders and policyholders and voting them. It is recommended that the terms of office of all holders of policies of \$1,000 or over should be fixed with the necessary of state, and also all general agencies of insurance companies should be subject to the supervision of the Superintendent of Insurance.

CLEVER 130-POUNDERS WHO ARE MATCHED.

Young Donahue and Sammy Smith were to have boxed this afternoon at the Metropolitan A. C., at One Hundred and Tenth street and Broadway, but at the last moment the management postponed the bout until next Saturday evening.



CAPT. BOB, WITH MARTIN UP, IS THIRD WINNER

Joe Lesser, the Favorite, Finishes Outside the Money in Mile Event.

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22.—The Martha Washington stakes for two-year-olds at four furlongs, which had in it the best of the young racers at this course, was the feature of to-day's racing here. The rest of the card was made up of small fields. A large and enthusiastic crowd turned out to witness the sport, and the books were kept busy handling the public's money.

FIRST RACE—Selling; six furlongs. Starting, weights and jockeys. Betting, Str. F. J. Clem, W. Haynes, 10-3. Deix Tempa, 102, Diggins, 10-3. Safford, 112, Diggins, 10-3. Trenchard, 110, Robbins, 10-3. Battersby, 101, Johnson, 10-3. Norwood, 100, McKeon, 10-3. Request, 102, P. Walsh, 10-3. Deix Tempa went to the front soon after the start and made the running to the stretch, followed by J. C. Clem and Norwood. In the run home J. C. Clem went to the front and won by a neck from Deix Tempa, who beat Safford a length. A claim of foul was lodged against J. C. Clem, but it was not allowed. Time—1:17.

SECOND RACE—One mile. Starting, weights and jockeys. Betting, Str. F. J. Clem, 10-3. Robbins, 10-3. Trenchard, 110, Diggins, 10-3. Safford, 112, Diggins, 10-3. Battersby, 101, Johnson, 10-3. Norwood, 100, McKeon, 10-3. Request, 102, P. Walsh, 10-3. Deix Tempa went to the front soon after the start and made the running to the stretch, followed by J. C. Clem and Norwood. In the run home J. C. Clem went to the front and won by a neck from Deix Tempa, who beat Safford a length. A claim of foul was lodged against J. C. Clem, but it was not allowed. Time—1:17.

BALDWIN PUTS HAINES OUT IN QUAKER BOUTS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—An inter-city boxing series between Philadelphia and Boston pugilists was held at the National A. C. this afternoon and drew a good attendance.

Matty Baldwin, the Boston feather-weight, who has been boxing with good success around New York, was the hit of the show. He made good by knocking out Young Haines, of Germantown, with a hook to the chin in the first round of the second bout.

Al Belmont, of Boston, and Willie Moody met in the first bout. Moody used a left-hand jab to good effect, and in the third round he sent Belmont to his knees with a right across to the jaw. Belmont weakened in the fourth round, and Moody played both hands to the stomach.

The third bout was between Tommy Gouldin, of Boston, and Billy Willis, of Philadelphia. Gouldin had a slight advantage in the first round, but Willis got to work in the second, and after putting his man down twice for the count finally put him to sleep with a right swing to the jaw.

Al Grand, of Philadelphia, put out a fast pace and had the best of the first round with Chester Goodwin, of Boston. Goodwin's clever work gave him a lead in the second, but he got a bad shaking up. Goodwin made game rally in fifth and sixth. Frank Carsey and Rouse O'Brien furnished a hot session of six rounds for the wind-up. Many hard blows were landed by each fighter, but neither had any advantage at the close.

LATE RESULTS AT FAIR GROUNDS.

Fourth—Bemay 3-5, Mintheria out place, Elsie Janis. Fifth—Third Alarm 4-5, Hocus Pocus out pl., Stoner Hill. AT CITY PARK. Fourth—Blue Dale 6-1, Lens 4-5 place, Bessierian. Fifth—Padre 11-5, Double out place, Tryon.

HOCH FEELS FINE ON THE EVE OF HIS EXECUTION

Bluebeard Laughs at Idea that He Will Attempt Suicide, and Says It Would Be Confession of Guilt.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—For the fourth time since the conviction of John D. Hooch, preparations were to-day begun for his execution. Hooch appeared in good spirits, but acknowledged that he had lost hope and expected to die. "I feel fine," he said, "but I guess that I will have to die to-morrow. This is the fourth time I have been near death, and I guess this is the last time. I haven't any cause, but still I feel pretty good."

BIG BLAZE IN 'FRISCO CRIPPLES MANY FIRMS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Fire to-day in the Central station of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000, besides crippling many commercial and manufacturing concerns. News papers were hampered and telegraphic service interrupted, the wires being down.

FAVORITE IS BEATEN IN STAKE RACE

Thistle Do Beats St. Tammany a Length in Washington Handicap.

CITY PARK, NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22.—Two stake events, the National and the George Washington, were the features of to-day's card here. In the former event a good field of two-year-olds faced the barrier. The day was an ideal one and a good holiday crowd turned out to witness the sport.

The track was a trifle heavy. Everybody seemed to have plenty of money, and the bookmakers were kept busy throughout the afternoon.

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Local Welter-Weight Makes Great Finish, Flooring His Opponent in Last Round of Short Battle at the Metropolitan A. C.

INTEREST IN OUTCOME; BOTH AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Half Dozen Preliminary Bouts, in Which Some Good Boxing Is Seen, Put on Before the Main Encounter—Little Betting on the Results.

Willie Lewis and Jimmie Gardiner put up a great three-round battle this afternoon at the Metropolitan A. C. A draw would have been a fair decision if one had been given. Lewis showed up surprisingly well, and was the aggressor throughout, although Gardiner as in the going all the time, landing many leads and counters.

The fight by rounds was as follows:

Time was called at 4:21. First Round—Lewis landed left to face and they clinched. Lewis led again and fell short. Lewis reached the body with a left. Gardiner countering to the head. Lewis rushed Gardiner to the ropes. Gardiner blocking swings. Gardiner missed left for body and then hooked left to head. Gardiner put straight to face and crossed with a right. Lewis landed his right to jaw. Lewis was doing all the forcing at this point. They clinched and broke and Lewis again rushes, falling short with both leads. Lewis put a left to the wind and right to the head as the bell rang.

SECOND ROUND—Lewis missed left and right to the head, and Gardiner put left to the face. He reached body and face again with left and rights. Lewis leads left to the body. Gardiner puts left to the face. Gardiner went after Lewis, reaching the head. Lewis fell short again with the left and they fell to a clinch. Gardiner leads with left. Lewis countering to the head. Gardiner gets in two left jabs and they clinch.

THIRD ROUND—They shake hands. Lewis falls short with left. He rushes, missing head with right. They both get to slugging at close quarters, both getting in rights and lefts to body. Gardiner lands left to face. Lewis falls short with left. Gardiner is fighting fast and sells into Lewis. Gardiner lands right on Lewis's jaw and Lewis appears tired. Lewis lands again. They both put lefts to the face. Lewis knocked Gardiner down with a right on the jaw. Gardiner gets up and Lewis sells into him amid the wildest excitement. Lewis ran all over the ring, forcing Gardiner to the ropes. Both men were fighting furiously now. Lewis planted a hard right to Gardiner's jaw. Lewis rushed him all over the ring and they were fighting viciously. Lewis having the better of the exchanges. Lewis having the best of the round, having Gardiner groggy at the end. The bell rang and the crowd was wildly excited. Lewis was the winner easily, according to the experts present.

Nearly 2,000 members were present to see the shortest approach to a championship boxing contest that has been given in this city since the repeal of the Harrison law. The attendance around the ring was reminiscent of the old days when boxing contests were held at Madison Square Garden and Coney Island. There were familiar faces to all directions, for everybody at all interested in the boxing game has joined the Metropolitan Club on account of the extensive seating capacity.

First Bout a Good Draw. Jimmy Moran and Young Goodman opened the show in a slashing three-round contest. The boys were at each other every minute of the time they were out of their corners. A decision would have called the affair a draw with no discredit to either of the little boxers.

Ned Edwards put it on Solly Quinn slightly in the last bout. He had the better of it all the way. Solly was willing, but Edwards was the better boxer.

In the third bout Young Lenny and Danny Dunne mixed it up in lively fashion for three rounds, Lenny having a shade the better of it.

Harry Engel and Babe Cullen were the principals in the next go, which Cullen won on points.

Ready for the Main Bout. While the preliminaries were in progress a crowd of nervous handlers and managers were getting the principals in the big event into shape in the dressing-rooms. Although the club rules prohibit betting, the occasion was too tempting for the apostles of the game to make the war, as interesting.

The realization that the result of this battle will have a bearing upon the final decision as to the light welter-weight championship added to the interest. Both boys are claimants for the title, and it is the first time local followers of the game have had a chance to size them up in the same ring.

Lewis has knocked out Martin Canale, Joe Tippman, Harry Burke, Bellfield Walcott, Mosey King, George Krall and Fred Douglass, and has earned decisions over Jack O'Keefe, Terry Martin, Bob Russell, Harry Lenny, Harry Burke, Kid Stein and others.

While Lewis was the first, Harry Tuthill was the chief adviser. Young Gardner, who has been called the "ex-phenomenal boxer," who beat Billy Flinn in the championship, while in England some years ago was a success. And Danne was the manager.

Sunday World Wants Work Monday Wonders